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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 111532

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PGOV, BQG, FR, EAIR

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AIR FRANCE CONSIDERATION OF OFFICE IN  
EAST BERLIN

REF: (A) BONN 6450 (B) PARIS 12383

1. AS SUGGESTED IN REF A, DEPARTMENT WILL CALL IN FRENCH  
EMBASSY OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR BERLIN AFFAIRS THIS WEEK TO  
UNDERSCORE USG OPPOSITION TO THE POSSIBLE OPENING OF AN AIR  
FRANCE OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN. EUR/CE OFFICE DIRECTOR WILL  
MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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(A) WE UNDERSTAND THAT AIR FRANCE MAY WISH TO OPEN AN  
OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN.

(B) WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE AN UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT.  
IT WOULD BE PERCEIVED BY THE BERLINERS AS A WEAKENING OF  
SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIED AIR REGIME AND WOULD LEAD TO

SUSPICIONS THAT THE ALLIES WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER  
FURTHER MOVES IN THE GDR'S FAVOR AT THE EXPENSE OF TEGEL.

(C) ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE OFFICE WOULD BE INTENDED  
TO SELL TICKETS ONLY FOR FLIGHTS USING WEST BERLIN AIRPORTS,  
ITS ESTABLISHMENT WOULD ENCOURAGE GDR EFFORTS AIMED AT  
EVENTUALLY  
OBTAINING ALLIED AIR SERVICES TO SCHOENEFELD WITHOUT  
COMMENSURATE CONCESSIONS IN FAVOR OF TEGEL.

(D) WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT BEFORE SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES  
ARE MADE IN THE BERLIN AIR SITUATION, THE ALLIES SHOULD  
GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO THESE CHANGES AND TO THEIR  
IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF AIR SERVICE TO BERLIN.

(E) THE ATTITUDE OF THE USG TOWARD SIMILAR PLANS BY ITS  
OWN NATIONAL CARRIER WOULD BE IDENTICAL. (FYI: THE  
DEPARTMENT STRONGLY DISCOURAGED A FEELER FROM PANAM  
REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PANAM OFFICE  
IN EAST BERLIN. IN VIEW OF THE TENTATIVE AND INFORMAL  
NATURE OF THIS APPROACH, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT  
SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH THE FRENCH.)

(F) FOR THESE REASONS, WE TRUST THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT  
WILL TAKE THE STEPS NECESSARY TO DISCOURAGE AIR FRANCE  
FROM OPENING AN OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN.  
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2. EMBASSY PARIS SHOULD MAKE A PARALLEL APPROACH TO THE  
QUAI TO REINFORCE THE CONVERSATION REPORTED IN REF B.

3. EMBASSY BONN MAY INFORM THE FRENCH CIVIL AIR ATTACHE  
THAT WE WILL BE MAKING THE APPROACHES OUTLINED ABOVE.

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